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Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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CEAR OF RUSSIA IN PRIVATE

LIFE.

The first impression of the Emperor of

Russia is of the gentleness and simplicity

of his character. He is very kind and very

pleasant, and his eyes, face and voice ex-
press a disposition that is unusually

winning. In his delicate appearance and

the quiet dignity of his bearing, however,

there is no suggestion of any lack of phy-
sical or moral strength. Perhaps there

could hardly be a question of physical

bravery in any Royal case, since personal

fearlessness is a part of Royal training;
if not inherent in Royal blood. But noone could see the Emperor of Russia with-
out realizing the spiritual force in his gaze

and detecting a note of moral courage in

his voice. To all who come near him he

appears fully aware of the weight of his

destiny, and to be bearing the awful burden

with cheerful serenity, always looking at

his great danger, and without wavering.

In meeting with strangers the Czar is

wherever and whenever possible, kindly

and solicitous and entirely free from

affection in the consciousness of his

position. In this the Czarina resembles

him, and also in a preference for the

English language. Indeed, English is

spoken exclusively by the Imperial Family

in its home circle. This would not be

singular where the Empress herself was

concerned, since she is virtually an

Englishwoman, and has spent years in

England; but the Grand Duchess Helena,

the daughter of the Grand Duke Vladimir,

and since become the Princess Nicholas

of Greece, has frequently said that she

could not remember ever speaking any

thing but English to her father. This

exclusive use of English in their private

life may account for the fact that among

themselves they always say "Emperor"

and "Empress" instead of "Czar" and

"Czarina." At all events, no member of

the Royal Family uses the Russian titles.

Music is the Czar's favourite recreation,

and he is himself a composer of no mean

merit. He plays the violin well, and is

very fond of an instrument called the

balalaika, which is a kind of guitar with

only three strings. He often sings to this

instrument, for he possesses a tenor voice

of excellent quality. He is more than a

little proud of his vocal powers, and, once

after entertaining his domestic circle with

some folk-songs, he laughingly exclaimed:

"Well, my children, my enemies say many

harsh things of me, and accuse me of being

destitute of many capacities; but I defy

them to say that I cannot sing as well as

the best of them!"

The Czarina is also very musical, and a

celebrated violinist; once said of her that if

she were in another sphere of life and

became a professional, she would win great

fame. The Empress, however, is quite

unusually, and is not at all gifted for

music. She betrays a depth of artistic feel-
ing which invariably captivates her painter.Once when asked if the strain of a particu-
lar pose were not tiring, she replied:

"Anything worth doing at all is worth

doing well."

The Empress is a careful, loving mother,

and personally supervises the education of

her four little girls and the sturdy, rump-
ing Czarovitch, who were brought up by

English nurses with an abundance of

exercise and fresh air. The Czarovitch

was born at Peterhof on the 26th July, 1894, is the pet of

the Imperial Household, and the joy of his

parents' hearts. This bonnie boy, destined

ruler of a mighty Empire, is already

Herman of the Caucasus, King of the

Caucasus, and is surrounded by high quarters

by endeavouring to suppress gambling and

smoking among Russian ladies. Keeping

the high ideals of her noble mother ever

before her, the Empress strives to give to

a brilliant Court, which under the Czar

Alexander II. (her husband's grandfather),

was the most luxurious and extravagant in

Europe. Among other social reforms, the

Empress has made great efforts to establish

hospitals on Western lines, with adequate

and efficient medical attendance, in the

chief towns of Russia.

The Czar is quite up-to-date in his liking

for golf, though he does not devote much

time to the "royal and ancient game." In

the park of the Winter Palace there is a

large and beautiful golf course, and he is

credited with the remark: "Were I not—
well what I am—I should be the

greatest golfer in the world." One of his

most curious hobbies, and one which he

has followed since he was a boy, is the

study of occultism, while among others

may be mentioned yachting, philately

and collecting birds' eggs. Many of the

latter were collected by himself in his

yachting days, and at one time he was

a most daring and expert climber of

trees. Nicholas II. is also fond of cards,

frequently plays a game in the evenings.

His Majesty is a great smoker, and is

usually seen smoking from his trousers in

the smoking room. Directly after break-
fast he lights a cigar, and continues

smoking whenever he has a moment to

spare.

HONGKONG FOR COMPANY.

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will be held at the Office of the General

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Hongkong, June 23, 1910.

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THEIR CURATIVE, STRENGTH-GIVING

POWER IS "LITTLE SHORT OF MARVELLOUS."

Mr. S. John Perera, of 24 Hill Street,

Colombo, is a clerk in the Ceylon Office of

the Russian Volunteer Fleet. He is doubly

grateful to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for

his people for, in the first instance, build-
ing up his own strength after Entero Fever,

and, secondly, and more particularly, for

restoring his wife to health when she was

in a terribly weak condition.

"Some nine months ago," my wife had

that distressing experience which some-
times happens to married ladies; and, as a

consequence, she lost a lot of blood and

became very ill," said he. "After it she

was confined to bed for about five weeks,

and when she got up again naturally she

was in a dreadfully weak state of health.

"In the hope of restoring her strength we

tried many prescribed medicines, and my

wife also took a great deal of Cod Liver Oil,
but, judging from the results, it is my firmbelief that these medicines did her more
harm than good, as she seemed to get even

weaker from their use. She was so ill that

she had an actual aversion to eating, the

effort, in her debilitated state, being too

great, and, besides, her stomach was too

weak to digest the food. She continued in

this deplorable condition for about a month

and we could not find anything that would

restore her to her normal state of health.

"Then, despite my wife's prejudice

against advertised remedies, I succeeded in

persuading her to try Dr. Williams' Pink

Pills, medicine in which I had great

faith myself, having found their effect

when recovering after a severe attack of

Entero Fever, little short of marvellous.

After she had taken two bottles of Dr.

Williams' Pink Pills there was a very

noticeable improvement in my wife's con-
dition, and by the time she had used nine

bottles of them she was a strong, robust

woman once again.

"We are both very thankful for what

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for

us," said Mr. Perera in conclusion.

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Men broken down by overwork, excesses,

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BIRTHS.

TURNER.—On May 23, 1910, at "Glen-
cairn," Dalkeith, Scotland, to the Rev.
Dr. and Mrs. G. Reynolds Turner (of Hwai-
an-hai, Amoy), a daughter, (Evelyn
Mary).WILSON.—On Saturday, June 18, 1910,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Y.
Wilson, a son.

MARRIAGE.

FERNET-JOUVET.—On June 18, 1910,
at Shanghai, to the Rev. Elyah Layoh,
Miss B. JOUVET to Mr. J. SCOTT.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Annual Tennis Match, Kowloon v. Hong-
kong, at Kowloon.
Opening of the Corinthian Yacht Club's
new premises.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, June 26:—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Maiao.TUESDAY, June 28:—
9.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, etc. at 14, Seymour Terrace.
5.45 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Recre-
ation Club in Gymnasium.WEDNESDAY, June 29:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture at 8, Kowloon Road, Kowloon.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's
Sale Rooms.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.THURSDAY, July 4:—
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Tea Co., at
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1910.

"PEACE IN OUR TIME, O LORD."

AMONG the earliest prayers known in human history—those recorded in the ritual of the Book of the Dead of ancient Egypt—none are more fervent than the songs of degrees in which the blessing of peace is implored at the hands of the Unseen Gods. All down the weary ages the city has been ever the same, "Give peace in our time, O Lord," and to-day the prayer goes up no less fervently from all quarters of the globe, uttered by men and women of every race and tongue. One would think that when an aspiration such as this becomes universal the possibility of bringing about an era of profound peace is not so very remote from the range of human possibilities. But when we come to think the matter over the sad, grim experience of the past seems almost against us. When the Prince Consort devised the first international exhibition in Hyde Park sixty years or so ago, men wrote and spoke gleefully of the imminent setting in of the reign of universal peace, when the time foretold by the Semitic prophet should assuredly dawn, and men would lay aside the implements of warfare, beating their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Alas for the vanity of human wishes. Within a very few years of the death of Prince Albert, Europe witnessed one of the most sanguinary wars of the century, from the results of which sprang the modern German empire; while the century closed with Great Britain engaged in the disastrous conflict with the Boers. Between the Franco-German war and the Boer War many minor struggles took place, different parts of the

Earth, the doors of the Temple of Jesus never being closed for a year on end.

The prospects for a reign of peace to-day certainly appear brighter than they have ever done before. The gospel of peace which Mr. Andrew Carnegie has so energetically supported with his millions, has found its heartiest supporters within the borders of the United States, and the recent gathering of Kings and great Personages at the funeral of the monarch who will live in history by his popular title of Edward the Peacemaker, has set a chord vibrating in the hearts of many nations which surely must have some effective development in the days to come. The Kaiser Wilhelm, whom the papers are so fond of describing as the great War Lord, seems to have broached the subject himself to M. Piquet, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the historic dinner-party given by King George at Windsor castle. The Kaiser's idea, we are told, is that the great European nations should, in the interests of humanity and civilisation, remain closely allied, and should aid each other to form a peace-ruled confederation.

Now that King Edward has been removed by death from his earthly throne, the outstanding personalities in the political world are undoubtedly the Emperor WILLIAM and Mr. Theodore ROOSEVELT. Men of very similar temperament and possessing many tastes and traits in common, better exponents of a vast, all-embracing peace movement could not be found. And that the great American nation is of the same way of thinking is shown by the recent resolution of the House of Representatives at Washington, which has given, of its own accord, power to President TART to appoint five representative Americans to act as a delegation (preferably with Mr. Roosevelt at their head) to discuss a peace propaganda with the chiefs of the nations of Europe. It is significant of the present trend of public thought that such a strenuous man as Mr. Roosevelt, who has had a practical experience of the horrors of war, should be chosen by his people for such a mission. In his address to the Berlin University he remarked:—"The Moslem movement was military; the Phœnician, commercial; the Greek too exclusively intellectual; modern activities are multitudinous. What is the lesson to us to-day? Are we to go the way of the older civilisations? We cannot be certain that the answer will be in the negative; but of this we can be certain, that we shall not go down in ruin unless we deserve and earn our end. There is no necessity for us to fall; we can hew out our destiny for ourselves, if only we have the wit and the courage and the honesty. Personally I do not believe that our civilisation will fall. I think that on the whole we have grown better and not worse. I think that on the whole the future holds more for us than even the great past has held. But, assuredly, the dreams of the golden glory in the future will not come true unless, high of heart and strong of hand, by our own mighty deeds we make them come true." We must not lose the homely virtues; the average man must be a good husband, the average woman a good housewife; the mother of healthy children. But these homely qualities are not enough. There must, in addition, be that power of organisation, that power of working in common for a common end, which the German people have shown in such signal fashion during the last half-century. Moreover, the things of the spirit are even more important. Unjust war is to be abhorred; but war to the nation that does not make ready to hold its own in time of need against all who would harm it; and was thrice over to the nation in which the average man loses the fighting edge, loses the power to serve as a soldier if the day of need should arise. It is no impossible dream to build up a civilisation in which high material development in the things of the body shall be achieved without subordination of the things of the soul, in which there shall be a general desire for peace and justice without loss of the fighting qualities.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

It will be heard with interest in the Colony that the Archbishop of Hongkong (the Rev. E. J. Barnett) is shortly to be again married. His bride will be Miss Lilias Sara Digby, who has for a number of years been associated with the Church Missionary Society at Kuling. The wedding is to take place at Kuling.

The Rev. C. N. R. Mackenzie is shortly to be married to Miss Ethel Baker of Hongkong.

It is almost pathetic to read that Mr. Roosevelt, on landing in New York, asked the press of America to let him alone, so that he could attend to his own private business and the wants of his family. He refused to discuss public topics.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

There is little difference in the condition of the Frenchman who was shot by the guard on the French Mail steamer Yarra on Monday evening, as he was attempting to escape.

The American community in Shanghai are going to forego fireworks on the Glorious Fourth and confine their celebration of the day to a base-ball game and a reception by Dr. Wilder.

A telegram to the Standard from Paris states that it is reported from Italian sources that the friendly forces captured and shot the Mullah of Somaliland. The news sounds almost too good to be true.

The Government of Hongkong has ordered the dismissal from the service of Superintendent Maglain of the Calcutta Fire Brigade, who was charged with receiving illegal gratification in the recent Nim-tala fire.

A growing outbreak of cholera is reported from Southern Russia. Seven hundred and eight cases and 194 deaths have occurred at Rostov, on the Don, and seventy-seven cases and thirty-nine deaths at Alexandrovsk.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., to be held on July 8, the Directors will recommend (subject to audit) a final dividend of 15s. per share, making 8 per cent for the year.

Two express trains came into collision at Villeneuve, near Versailles, last week, and both caught fire. The passengers were burned and mangled. Up to the present time not a corpse has been recovered, but the newspapers say that nineteen people were killed and eighty injured.

A Japanese journal hitherto published in Harbin under the name of the North Manchuria (Kia Manchou) is henceforth to be issued in the Russian language. This will be the first instance of a newspaper edited by a Japanese subject in the Russian language.

A revival of outrages is reported in Russian Poland. A colonel of gendarmes has been killed at Radom; and a bomb was thrown at the Chief of Police in Warsaw. The Chief of Police was not hurt, but two members of his escort were killed. Both the assassins, and an accomplice, committed suicide.

Mr. William Richard Sutton, the founder of the well-known parcel agency, left a fortune of £2,095,880; the business was bequeathed to his foreman, Mr. Thomas Watson, who has just died leaving estate worth £262,444 11s. 1d. Curiously enough both men when drawing up their wills only expected that they would leave behind them £150,000 apiece.

Brussels telegrams state that the Congo Congress has resolved to suggest that the Indian Government should consider the advisability of instituting a "quicker" possible fortification givers returns on the same line as the United States, and assist in the promoting and extension of the establishment of more extensive Co-operative Credit Societies and seed farms.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Japanese cruiser Chitose weighed anchor at 8 o'clock this morning for Japan.

Miss Laura Diamond, banjo queen, makes her debut at the Empires Cinema-graph Theatre this evening.

Mr. Alton, the advance agent of Harman's circus, has arrived in Singapore from Medan to make the necessary arrangements for the opening of the show there on Saturday, June 25.

The Straits Times states that the East Asiatic Dredging Company has contracted to carry out extensive harbour improvements at Samarang and Batavia. Work will be started next month, to be finished at Samarang in July, 1911, and at Samarang in January, 1913. The dredging materials are now on the way from Europe to Java.

Hongkong is still without its service of public Rickshaws. No further developments have taken place in the situation, and we understand that the Government do not for the moment intend taking any steps in the matter, preferring for the "strike" to settle out of its own accord, as it doubtless finally will.

An opportune book which may be expected shortly from Messrs. Chapman and Hall is "The Story of Old Japan," by Professor J. H. Longford. Few living men possess a more varied and accurate knowledge of the Mikado's empire. Professor Longford was resident in Japan in an official capacity for upwards of thirty-three years in the British Consular service.

A plan for supplying Palestine with electricity for lighting, heating, and cooking purposes is being entered upon by a French company, which has headquarters in Paris. Power will be supplied by the falls of the River Jordan, between the waters of the Marston and Lake of Galilee, where the river descends 700 ft. A generating plant will be erected on the west bank of the river, and will be connected with all chief towns of the country.

A Chinese debtor who came up for his public examination in bankruptcy at the Supreme Court on Thursday afternoon proved that he was a man of many parts. First he was in Government service, then he became manager of the Consulate Hotel, next he took a share in a one-price foreign goods store, then he joined the Hongkong Cinematograph, later became a partner in the Salon-Cinema Theatre, ran some cinematograph shows in Canton, had a tea-shop in Jardine's bazaar, guaranteed some coolies to a morion, had a share in the Windsor troupe of Chinese acrobats, and is now contractor for the supply of provisions to Victoria Gaol. And yet he was bankrupt!

CLAIM COVERING 20 YEARS.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, this morning, before Mr. Justice Hazeland, a case was mentioned in which Mr. J. H. Seth, in the capacity of receiving manager, sued To Ki for a sum of \$280 64. Mr. Bulmer Johnson was for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. Wilson for the defendant.

Mr. Wilson said there had been an attempt made to deal with the matter of particulars, and he was afraid he was now unable to dispense with particulars because there was not sufficient information as to the commencement of the period for which the amounts were said to be due. It might be that some of the items were statute barred, for he understood that they covered a period of about 20 years.

Mr. Johnson—It is a matter of argument whether the items are statute barred.

His Lordship—He is entitled to particulars anyhow.

Mr. Johnson said he understood that his Lordship did not order him to give particulars for every item, as that was impossible. He would give particulars of the date when started and go down to the end of last year.

Mr. Wilson—I am afraid that won't help me very much.

His Lordship fixed the 30th inst. as the date for hearing the action.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRANS-SIBERIAN MAIL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Through the medium of your columns I wish to express my views relating to the delivery of the Trans-Siberian mail.

On the afternoon of Sunday, the 19th, the s.s. Chusan, carrying the Siberian mail, was signalled at 4.10 p.m. and moored thereafter at her buoy about 4.30 p.m., approximately. The mail consisted of 38 bags of Trans-Siberian mail, and about a hundred bags other than Siberian mails, perhaps equally as important. I visited the s.s. Chusan just after breakfast next morning. The mail left the ship at 8 a.m. by sampan for the G.P.O., so probably would be ready for delivery within an hour or two after. The French mail, which arrived the morning of 20th at 6 a.m. was in Colombo the day the Siberian mail was made up in London, therefore it is quite plain to the "man in the street," or even to a rickshaw puller, with a fairly balanced brain, that the Trans-Siberian mail is the most important mail arriving in Hongkong. Yet we find the Government allowing the letters to be taken off by sampan, after hours after arrival of the mail. Surely there is some slackness somewhere, and the worse this state of things is, the more the better for the public and the welfare of the Colony; the most distant outpost of our British Empire.

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INTERPORT POLO CUP

TROPHY SECURED BY HONGKONG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 24.
In the Interport Polo match, yesterday between Hongkong and Taingtau the result was a victory for Hongkong by 9 goals to 2.

Hongkong has thus won the Keswick Cup.

[Note.—The cup has been won by Hongkong as the result of successive victories over Shanghai and Taingtau. The Shanghai team, which opposed Hongkong comprised Messrs D. Lonsdale, Dallas, K. J. MacEwen and J. A. Hayes, while Taingtau fielded Messrs Meakin, Pfeiffer, Eckford and another. Hongkong's representatives were Capt. Heathcote, Lieut. Crookenden, Lieut. Hon. G. P. Scarlett and Capt. Davis.—Ed. C. M.]

FORGED BILLS OF LADING.

INTERNATIONAL BANKERS' CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 24.
A meeting of bankers in London, at which all the leading British and Continental Banks were represented discussed the situation arising out of the recent forged bills of lading attached to cotton bills from the United States. The feeling was expressed that the responsibility for the genuineness of the bills of lading must be brought home to the original exporter of the cotton and the purchaser of the bill.

A committee was formed to negotiate with the Transatlantic interests affected.

THE (CONSTITUTIONAL) CONFERENCE.

THIRD SITTING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 24.
The third sitting of the Constitutional Conference was held last evening. It lasted for two hours.

THE BUDGET.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 23.
The Budget is to be taken in the House of Commons on the 30th inst.

LORD KITCHENER'S SERVICES.

A LIKELY APPOINTMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 24.
The Daily Mail states that proposals are being considered, with a view to the appointment of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener to the position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff in the event of General the Hon. Sir N. G. Lytton retiring from the command of the forces in Ireland and being succeeded by the present Chief of the Staff, General Sir W. G. Nicholson, which is considered not unlikely.

HONOURS FOR THE HEIR APPARENT.

PRINCE OF WALES AND EARL OF CHESTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, June 24.
The Duke of Cornwall, the Heir Apparent to the British Throne, was gazetted Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester on the occasion of his birthday yesterday.

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KOREA SURRENDERING

[MORE POWER]

JAPAN TO CONTROL THE POLICE.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, June 24.
At a meeting of the Korean Cabinet held yesterday, the ministers decided to hand over to Japan the policing of the Kingdom.

A THRICE TOLD TALE.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, June 23.
The British Government has agreed to the increase of customs duties provided that lekin is abolished.

MONGOLIA AND MANCHURIA.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, June 23.
A suggestion has been made by the Cabinet to appoint commissioners to afford political advice to the various princes of Mongolia.

H.E. Chun Chin Chang, Governor of Kirin, has appointed secret service officers who are to keep a sharp look out in Manchuria on the movements of those suspected of being revolutionaries.

OVERHAULING THE VICEROYS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, June 23.
The Imperial Government has decided to make an examination into the merits and work of all the Viceroys and Governors of the Empire.

THE NEW U. S. CONSUL GENERAL.

Due in August.

The new Consul General of America, Mr. George Everett Anderson, who has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. W. A. Rublee, in Hongkong, left Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 1 and is expected to arrive in Hongkong about August 9.

Mr. Anderson, who was formerly Consul General at Amoy, is well known to many of the older residents in Hongkong and will no doubt return to meet many old friends as well as to make new ones, for he was exceedingly well liked and highly respected in Amoy.

In April, 1901, Mr. Anderson was appointed U.S. Consul at Hankow, and in February, 1905, he became Consul-General at Amoy. One year later he was transferred to the important post of Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which Consulate he has just succeeded to take up the important post of Consul-General at Hongkong.

Mr. Anderson is 45 years of age and was born in Springfield. He completed his education at Shortell College in Illinois, State, subsequently taking a law course at the Western University. He began his career as a journalist, and became managing editor of the Springfield News.

A hearty welcome will no doubt be extended to Mr. Anderson on his arrival in the Colony.

A PIANO TUNER'S CLAIM.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before Mr. Justice Hazeland, a claim for \$445, balance of wages and commission, was made by A. Ogilvie, piano tuner, against the Robinson Piano Company. Mr. Ogilvie claimed that he was the plaintiff and Mr. Hind for the defendant.

Mr. Hind said he would like an order for particulars in regard to the last two items, commission and extra work.

Mr. Ogilvie—That he was very pleased to give my friend any particulars he wanted. Will your Lordship fix a day?

His Lordship—How long will it take?

Mr. Ogilvie—About a full day.

His Lordship fixed July 26 as the date for hearing the action.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE	JAVA	About 30th	London	Freight only
YOKOHAMA	DELHI	About 7th	London	Freight and
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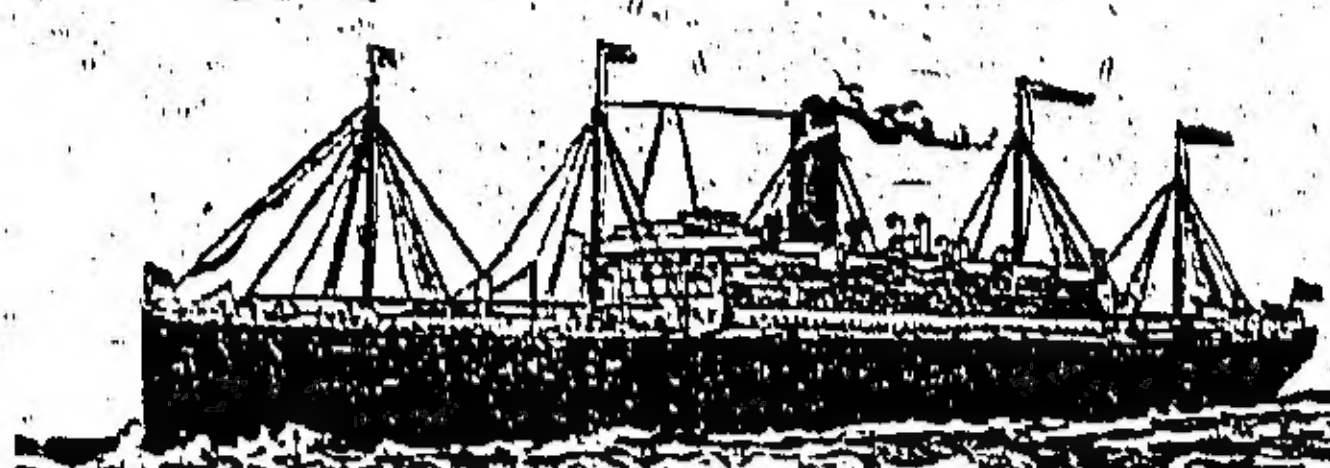
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MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
TENYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
YIPON MARU	11,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
SIBERIA	18,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
CHIVU MARU	21,000	SATURDAY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th

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BRITISH MONARCHS.

King Edward terminated his reign on a Friday, as four other English sovereigns have done. Queen Victoria began and ended her reign on a Tuesday, as also did four other sovereigns. Five died on a Sunday, six on a Monday, four on a Wednesday, six on a Thursday, and six on a Saturday. Nine began and ended their reign on the same day of the week. Henry I and Edward III began and ended on a Sunday, Richard II on a Monday, Edward IV, Anne, and George I on a Wednesday, Mary on a Wednesday, George III and George IV on a Saturday.

His present Majesty George V is the first of the sovereigns who have ascended the English Throne since William the Conqueror who has ascended in May. Each of the other eleven months has been notable for one accession or more, but, so far, no monarch had ever ascended the Throne in May.

Prince Edward will be the twentieth Prince of Wales. King George was Prince of Wales for a little over nine years and three months. King Edward was Prince of Wales for fifty-nine years and ten weeks.

King Edward is the nineteenth sovereign who has reigned for less than ten years. Three rulers before Queen Victoria reigned for fifty years. Three kings died in their teens.

The House of Hanover was blessed with remarkably long life, the average age of its reigning monarchs being seventy-four. Queen Victoria lived to be the oldest monarch who has sat on the English throne.

All the Hanoverian rulers lived to be over sixty-six years. Two were octogenarians, and two were in the sixties. The fact is the more remarkable because there have been only eight monarchs in our national history who have lived to be over sixty, and only one before the accession of the House of Hanover who lived to be seventy.

The average Hanoverian reign was thirty years—twice as long as the Stuart reign. Nine years ago a prominent insurance man in New York stated that King Edward VII would most heavily insured man in the world. Even so early as 1895 his death would have cost the American companies some 10,000,000 dollars, and the amount by now would be much larger. More than £2,000,000 have been placed on the life of the late King by persons who did not know him and had no relations with him. They simply insured his life as a gambling speculation. Therefore many people have regarded a financial benefit by his death. King Edward was perfectly aware of all this.

The Nicaraguan Government forces have captured an American, named Pittman, who is charged with lying mines for the insurgents at Bluefields. Pittman will be court-martialed. Washington advises report that the Government have telegraphed to the President of Nicaragua that it expects fair, humane treatment for Pittman.

When Queen Victoria died and Edward VII ascended the throne his eldest son was Duke of York. But had he not been known as Duke of York he would immediately have become Duke of Cornwall. The dukedom of Cornwall is the appanage of the eldest son of our monarchs, who are not born Princes of Wales, but only so created. It is because the King's eldest son is born Duke of Cornwall, that he is not a commoner. We are very conservative in England, but we have also always been very democratic; you may be a "prince"—that is, a member of the Sovereign's immediate family—and yet not be a peer of the realm, and if you are not a peer or peeress of the realm you are a commoner.

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MANILA	TAKING	June 28, at 3 p.m.
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